

DEVAL L. PATRICK GOVERNOR TIMOTHY P. MURRAY Lt. Governor

KEVIN M. BURKE SECRETARY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Department of Five Services

P.O. Box 1025 ~ State Road

Stow, Massachusetts 01775

(978) 567~3100 Fax: (978) 567~3121

STEPHEN D. COAN STATE FIRE MARSHAL

THOMAS P. LEONARD DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL

For Immediate Release: April 8, 2008 Contact: Jennifer Mieth, (978) 567-3381

Fireworks Being Manufactured in Plymouth Home

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and Plymouth Fire Chief G. Edward Bradley said a joint investigation led to the discovery of a fireworks manufacturing facility in a Plymouth home.

Seized from the home of Robert Rinaldi at 215 Sandy Pond Road last night, were six improvised explosive devices, a box truck full of homemade fireworks, a quantity of black powder, chemicals and equipment used in the manufacture of fireworks.

The State Police Hazardous Devices Unit in the Office of the State Fire Marshal was called to assist in handling and safely removing the explosives, and rendering the explosive devices safe.

The scene was a low-level hazardous materials response for the fire department, which activated the District One Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Department of Environmental Protection and Clean Harbors assisted in safely removing the large quantify of chemicals.

The case is being jointly investigated by State Police assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit in the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco. Firearms and Explosives – Boston Field Division, and the Plymouth Fire Department. The State Police Truck Team provided assistance in the investigation.

The investigation is continuing.